

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3633–3645, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H7446–47

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 429, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3309) to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1105) to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide a registration exemption for private equity fund advisers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–283).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaMalfa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

TSA Loose Change Act: H.R. 1095, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed money recovered at airport security checkpoints to nonprofit organizations that provide places of rest and recuperation at airports for members of the Armed Forces and their families;

Pages H7407–09

Transportation Security Acquisition Reform Act: H.R. 2719, amended, to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 616;

Pages H7409–14, H7427

Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act of 2013: H.R. 1204, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 617;

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Extending the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years: H.R. 3626, to extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years;

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Amending certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions: H.R. 255, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 615;

Pages H7419–20, H7426–27

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians: H.R.

2388, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.”

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Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Hydropower Development Equity and Jobs Act: H.R. 1963, amended, to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act;

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Facilitating a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest: H.R. 1241, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest;

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Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site Amendments Act: H.R. 1846, amended, to amend the Act establishing the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site; and

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Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Non-Intercourse Act of 2013: H.R. 2650, amended, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the train derailment in New York City on December 1, 2013.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7426–27, H7427, and H7428. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KEEPING COLLEGE WITHIN REACH

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training held a hearing entitled “Keeping College Within Reach: Strengthening Pell Grants for Future

Generations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FTC AT 100

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “The FTC at 100: Where Do We Go From Here?”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Trade Commission officials: Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman; Julie Brill, Commissioner; Maureen Ohlhausen, Commissioner; and Joshua Wright, Commissioner.

UNITED STATES’ POST-TYPHOON RESPONSE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The United States’ Post-Typhoon Response in the Philippines”. Testimony was heard from Nancy Lindborg, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT’S CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO FAITHFULLY EXECUTE THE LAWS

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Constitutional Duty to Faithfully Execute the Laws”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BANKRUPTCY CODE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INSOLVENCIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “The Bankruptcy Code and Financial Institution Insolvencies”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Lacker, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING GOVERNMENT’S USE OF DESIGN BUILD CONTRACTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census held a hearing entitled “Assessing Government’s Use of Design-Build Contracts”. Testimony was heard from James Dalton, Chief, Engineering and Construction Division, Directorate of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

INNOVATION ACT; AND SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL ACCESS AND JOB PRESERVATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3309, the “Innovation Act”; and H.R. 1105,

the “Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 3309. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–28 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also provides a structured rule for H.R. 1105. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–29 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report if offered by Representative Maloney of New York or her designee. The amendment shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte; and Representatives Garrett; Hurt; Waters; Watt; Jackson Lee; Johnson (GA); Jeffries; Polis; Rohrabacher; Perlmutter; and Massie.

REGULATORY LANDSCAPE: BURDENS ON SMALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Landscape: Burdens on Small Financial Institutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protection, hearing entitled “Examining Recent Actions by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Medicare Advantage: What Beneficiaries Should Expect Under the President’s Health Care Plan”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examining Regulatory Relief Proposals for Community Financial Institutions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Policy Toward Burma”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Transition at a Crossroads: Tunisia Three Years After the Revolution”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “GPO in 2023: Keeping America Informed in a Post-Print World”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3627, the “Kilah Davenport Child Protection Act of 2013”; and H.R. 1447, the “Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2013”, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on the following measures: H.R. 915, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1425, the “Marine Debris Emergency Act of 2013”; H.R. 1491, to authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities undertaken to address the marine debris impacts of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and for other purposes; H.R.

2208, the “North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act of 2013”; H.R. 2319, the “Native American Veterans’ Memorial Amendments Act of 2013”; H.R. 3286, the “Protecting States, Opening National Parks Act”; H.R. 3492, the “River Paddling Protection Act”; and S. 230, to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Roll Out of HealthCare.gov: The Limitations of Big Government”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Astrobiology: Search for Biosignatures in our Solar System and Beyond?”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Health Care Law: The Effect of the Busi-

ness Aggregation Rules on Small Employers,” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3578, to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes; H.R. 3628, the “Transportation Reports Elimination Act of 2013”; General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; and other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Adjudicating VA’s Most Complex Disability Claims: Ensuring Quality, Accuracy and Consistency on Complicated Issues”, 3 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The Status of the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, December 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1197, National Defense Authorization Act, and the Chairman and Ranking Member will provide a status update on the bill.

At 5 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 1150—Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act (Subject to a Rule).

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